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LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (Currently amended) A pressure-sensitive adhesive sheet comprising a substrate, and a pressure-sensitive adhesive layer laminated on said substrate, wherein:

the substrate has a front face and a rear face, which are opposite to one another;

the substrate has edges at its periphery, and the edges extend between the front face and the rear face of the substrate;

the pressure-sensitive adhesive is laminated to the rear face of the substrate;

gas-passing channels that communicate to the outside of the pressure-sensitive adhesive sheet are formed only in ~~at least the pressure-sensitive adhesive layer side~~ the rear face of said substrate, and there are no gas-passing channels in the ~~surface~~ front face of said substrate;

said gas-passing channels are recesses that continue as far as ~~side~~ the edges of said substrate;

a plurality of penetrating passages that penetrate ~~or are capable of penetrating through~~ said pressure-sensitive adhesive layer only in a thickness direction are formed in said pressure-sensitive adhesive layer; ~~and~~

said gas-passing channels in said substrate and said penetrating passages in said pressure-sensitive adhesive layer communicate with one ~~another~~ another; ~~and~~

said penetrating passages in said pressure-sensitive adhesive layer are formed by laser processing.

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28. (Previously presented) The pressure-sensitive adhesive sheet according to claim 1, wherein the width of said recesses is 1 to 1000 μm , the pitch of said recesses is 50 to 2000 μm , and the depth of said recesses is 1 to 300 μm .

29. (Previously presented) The pressure-sensitive adhesive sheet according to claim 1, wherein the occupancy (area ratio) of said recesses out of the rear face of said substrate is 5 to 70%.

30. (Previously presented) The pressure-sensitive adhesive sheet according to claim 1, wherein said recesses form a square lattice in plan view.

31. (Previously presented) The pressure-sensitive adhesive sheet according to claim 1, wherein the horizontal cross sectional shape of said penetrating passages is circular, and the diameter of said penetrating passages is 0.1 to 2000 μm .